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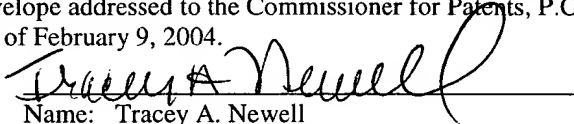
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**For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A
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Docket No.: SHM-00901

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The references submitted herewith were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an December 18, 2003 Office Action (copy enclosed) for a counterpart application. Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of that date and prior to a Notice of Allowance, no fee is due.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were

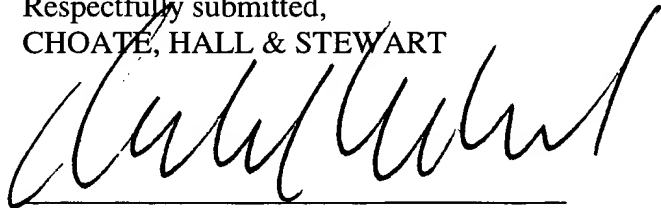
cited. A copy of the official action is enclosed. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application corresponding to the above-captioned U.S. patent application. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

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Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

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